

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Brian C. Barnes, et al

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For: SOFTWARE MODEM WITH HIDDEN  
AUTHENTICATION COMMANDS

Examiner: C. Brown

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Customer No. 023720

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 15, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is a response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is June 15, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50 0786/2000.054600.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.